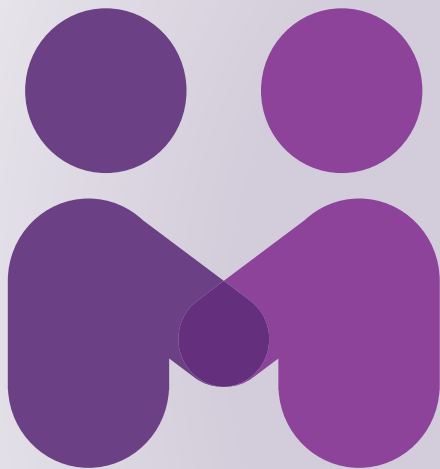


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**ADDICTION AND
MENTAL HEALTH**
TASK FORCE

2021 — 2022



**2022
LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA**

117TH CONGRESS

Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (NH-02)
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Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-03)
Republican, Co-Chair



Members of the House of Representatives participate in Congress Goes Purple to honor National Recovery Month 2021

A message from the co-chairs:

Time is of the essence.

As we continue to recover from the acute impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we also must reflect on 2021 as the deadliest year on record from drug overdoses. Last year, we lost almost 300 Americans a day to overdose. In 2020, we lost 126 Americans a day to suicide. These epidemics have taken an incalculable toll on families and friends who have lost loved ones to substance use and mental health disorders, and continue to wreak havoc in our communities year after year at an increasing rate.

But for the 1 in 7 Americans with a substance use disorder and 1 in 5 with a mental illness, we can't give up; we must continue to fight. Over the past year, Congress has taken major steps to address our country's substance use and mental health crises. In June, the House passed H.R. 7666, Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act, which included numerous provisions – including many led by Task Force Members – to augment prevention, treatment, and recovery supports. Now more than ever, it's critical that these bipartisan solutions become law. We are encouraged by passage of this package, but recognize that there is still more left to be done.

In total, this agenda includes an astonishing 106 bills from the Task Force. Seven of them were enacted into law this Congress and 22 have passed in one chamber. The tenacious advocacy of Task Force Members, bipartisan Congressional leadership, and the public made these achievements possible. But we know full well that the job isn't over.

As our country continues to grapple with these intertwined crises, we reaffirm our commitment to bolster mental health and addiction care, extend our service to those suffering, and break the stigma at our dinner tables.

We all must act with the speed of knowing that lives are on the line. As Vice President Hubert Humphrey once said, "the moral test of government is how that government treats [...] those who are in the shadows of life."

We will never give up the fight to save lives.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

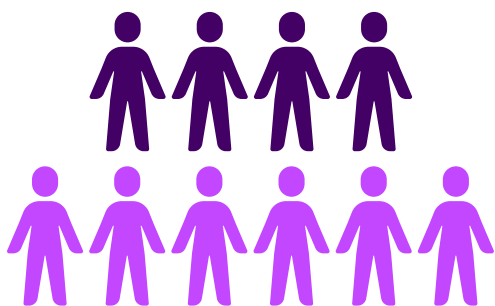
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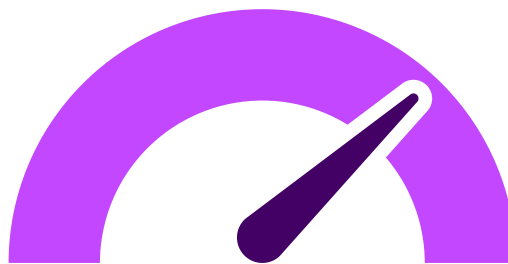


ADDICTION + OVERDOSE NUMBERS IN 2021

WHERE WE STAND



In 2021, more than 107,000 people died of a drug overdose in the U.S. - more than 293 a day.



Overdose deaths involving opioids reached 81,000 in 2021, up from 70,000 in 2020.



Over 1 million people have died of overdoses since the U.S. drug epidemic began around 1999.



The overdose crisis costs the U.S. over \$1 trillion annually. Increased access to evidence-based treatments is associated with \$25,000 to \$105,000 in lifetime savings per person.

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**H.R. 434, *Preventing Mental Health and Substance Use Crises During Emergencies Act*
Rep. David Trone (D-MD)**

Create a joint task force to prevent mental health crises triggered by public health emergencies and direct the Department of Health and Human Services to assess the federal government's response to the impacts of COVID-19 and create a national strategy to help manage future mental health crises.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 586, *Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention (STANDUP) Act of 2021*

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)

Require state, tribal, and local educational agencies that receive funding for mental health, including through the Project AWARE State Education Agency Grant Program, to establish evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention training. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin, in coordination with Department of Education and Bureau of Indian Education, must provide educational agencies with best practices for these trainings.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), and Ted Deutch (D-FL)

Co-Sponsors: 46

Status: Became law



H.R. 1716, *COVID-19 Mental Health Research Act*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Fund research to study the effects the COVID-19 pandemic has on the mental health of Americans, with an emphasis on its impact on children and health care providers.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 32

Status: Referred to the House Committee Energy and Commerce

H.R. 2366, *Support, Treatment, and Overdose Prevention of (STOP) Fentanyl Act*

Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

Bolster surveillance and research, deploy resources to combat overdose deaths, connect individuals with treatment programs, and support ongoing prevention and public safety activities.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) and Don Bacon (R-NE)

Co-Sponsors: 12

Status: Referred to the House Committee Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 3226, *Accurate Reporting of Smoking Variants Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Require the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to ensure that Electronic Health Records allow doctors to record vaping and e-cigarette use, just like the records allow for cigarettes and cigars, to allow health care providers and researchers to better understand the prevalence of e-cigarette usage, the long-term health impacts of these products, and develop strategies to curb vaping among young people.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) and Chris Stewart (R-UT)

Co-Sponsors: 7

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4846, *ALTO Reauthorization Act*

Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ)

Reauthorizes through FY2026 a grant program for developing and implementing alternatives to opioids for pain management in hospitals and emergency departments.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO), David B. McKinley (R-WV), and Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 3



Status: Passed in the House - partially included in the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 7235, *Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant Act of 2022*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Reauthorizes and renames the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. It would reauthorize this crucial block grant for another five years, ensuring sustained investment in programs that support states, communities, and families battling the disease of addiction.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

Co-Sponsors: 3



Status: Passed in the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.Con.Res. 42, *Expressing the sense of Congress that governmental entities should use a portion of the proceeds from litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors to increase participation in drug take back programs and for the safe disposal of collected, unused medicines*

Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Encourage state and local governments to use a portion of proceeds from any litigation against opioid manufacturers/distributors to increase participation in drug take back programs to facilitate safe disposal of unused medications.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 17

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 280, *PDMPs Help Patients Act of 2021*

Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Creates a pilot program to integrate a treatment locator tool into PDMP's to allow for immediate treatment referral by a health care provider.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 1185, *Opioid Patients' Right to Know Act of 2021*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Create a grant program to incentivize states to require prescribers to discuss the addictive qualities of opioids with patients and inform them of alternative treatment options before prescribing opioids for acute pain.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA), Teresa Leger Fernandez (D- NM), and David McKinley (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 15

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 1384, *Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Eliminate the outdated requirement that practitioners apply for a separate waiver (the x-waiver) through the Drug Enforcement Administration to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of substance use disorder.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 248

 **Status: Passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022**

H.R. 3259, *Non-Opioids Prevent Addiction In the Nation Act (NOPAIN) Act*
Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Temporarily establishes separate payments for certain non-opioid treatments under the Medicare prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services and the payment system for ambulatory surgical center services. Applies to pain management treatments that are able to replace or reduce opioid consumption, as shown through clinical trials or data.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. David McKinley (R-WV), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 113

Status: Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R. 4098, *Non-Opioid Directive Act*
Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a non-opioid pain management directive, a form that an individual may use to inform health care providers of the individual's choice to avoid opioid medications for pain management. Sets requirements for the execution, use, and revocation of these forms.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), John Curtis (R-UT), and Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)

Co-Sponsors: 6

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4203, *Improving Medicaid Programs' Response to Overdose Victims and Enhancing (IMPROVE) Addiction Care Act*

Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)

Establishes additional requirements for state Medicaid drug-use review programs with respect to individuals who experience opioid-related overdoses. Specifically, programs must include protocols that (1) connect individuals who have experienced an opioid-related overdose within the last five years to appropriate treatment; (2) notify providers who prescribe opioids about subsequent fatal overdoses; (3) ensure providers are notified about an individual's history of opioid use disorder, overdoses, or poisonings; and (4) educate providers about proper prescribing practices for these individuals.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. David Trone (D- MD), Brian Fitzpatrick (R- PA), Ann McLane Kuster (D- NH), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R- WA), and G.K. Butterfield (D- NC)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 5086, *Safe Disposal of Opioids Act of 2021*

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)

Help prevent drug abuse by creating a grant program to establish and maintain approximately 10,000 prescription drug disposal bins across the country. Disposal bins will be placed in community pharmacies and other health care settings where patients receive medication.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 5224, *Preventing Overdoses and Saving Lives Act of 2021*

Rep. French Hill (R-AR)

Create a grant program that allows states and localities to conduct research on the opioid crisis, create a strategic plan on their response to the opioid crisis, and implement co-prescribing in their jurisdiction.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

Co-Sponsors: 24



Status: Updated version (H.R.7681) passed in the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 6896, *Reduce Exposure and the Threat of Unused Residual Narcotics (RETURN) Act*

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

Amends the Controlled Substances Act to improve opioid take-back programs by allowing people who are authorized to collect controlled substances from users for destruction through an authorized consumer return program to open and inspect packages to provide a secure method of transporting substances to a location of destruction.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 8586, *Ensuring the FDA Fully Examines Clinical Trial Impact and Vitalness before Endorsement (EFFECTIVE) Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Provides further authority to the FDA to review the potential public health impact of every new opioid approval, and deny applications for new drugs if they cannot prove their ability to serve as a safer or more effective option for patients.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



H.R. 432, *Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2021*

Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)

Provides coverage of marriage & family therapist and mental health counselor services under Medicare. Excludes such services from the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system, authorizes marriage & family therapists, mental health counselors to develop post-hospital services discharge plans.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 93

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R. 588, *Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act*

Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA)

Require the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to award grants to states, tribal nations, local governments, behavioral health and primary care providers, and community organizations to support behavioral health treatment and services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Co-Sponsors: 31

Status: Referred to the House Committee Energy and Commerce



H.R. 593, *Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Act of 2021*

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)

Require the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to award grants to establish a network of entities that provide mental health and substance use disorder programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible entities include tribal nations, nonprofit organizations, service providers, and partnerships of two or more eligible entities.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 12

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 1205, *Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act of 2021*

Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)

Authorizes a grant program for emergency departments to increase access to follow-up psychiatric services for individuals who present for care of acute mental-health episodes. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration may award these grants.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 1



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



H.R. 1385, Behavioral Health Coordination and Communication Act of 2021

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Create an Interagency Coordinator to address the currently disjointed federal efforts and foster constant communication among all relevant agencies and departments, with the goal of focusing the federal government's approach to mental health and substance use disorders.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Tom Emmer (R-MN), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Paul Tonko (D- NY), and Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 21



Status: Passed in the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 1647, Telehealth Response for E-prescribing Addiction Therapy Services (TREATS) Act

Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Modify coverage requirements of certain telehealth services under Medicare. Permanently allow telehealth services for substance use disorders and mental health disorders to be provided via audio-only technology, if a physician or practitioner has already conducted an in-person or video telehealth evaluation.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Ted Budd (R-NC), David Cicilline (D-RI), and David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 9

Status: Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means



H.R. 2379, State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Authorizes State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants and Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grants for 6 years. It authorizes \$1.585 billion per year, which includes \$79 million for TOR grants. The money distributed through these grants has helped to provide additional treatment beds, hire the workforce necessary to expand treatment and recovery options, bridge gaps identified in systems of care, support robust prevention campaigns, as well as many other responses.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ)

Co-Sponsors: 8



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R. 2929, Virtual Peer Support Act

Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV)

Create a \$50 million grant program to help behavioral health organizations implement or expand their virtual peer support programs and build out their current online capacity. Virtual peer support programs have been proven to be a cost-effective way of providing consistent mental health support, reducing psychiatric hospitalizations, reducing outpatient visits, and giving people living with behavioral conditions a place to build community, share coping skills, and offer support to assist one another in their recovery journeys.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)

Co-Sponsors: 20



Status: Passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022



H.R. 4305, *Crisis Care Enhancement Act*

Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL)

Improve availability and capacity of crisis call centers, mobile crisis services, and crisis stabilization programs across the country by requiring states to use a larger portion of funds from the federal Mental Health Block Grant towards these services. Specifically, the bill requires states to set aside 10% of these funds once funding for the overall block grant reaches a certain threshold.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4323, *Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act of 2021*

Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA)

Allow every state the option of joining the innovative Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) demonstration and authorize investments in the model for current and prospective CCBHCs.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Angie Craig (D-MN), David McKinley (R-WV), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 47

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



H.R. 4341, *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 3.0*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Aimed at mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on the addiction epidemic and would build on the original Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 and CARA 2.0 of 2018 by increasing funding for prevention, education, research, treatment, and recovery.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Tim Ryan (D-OH), David McKinley (R-WV), Paul Tonko (D-NY), and Dave Joyce (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 55

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; Ways and Means; Education and Labor; Financial Services; Agriculture

H.R. 4649, *SUPPORT for Mental Health Act*

Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)

Allow states, territories, and tribes to use funds provided for COVID-19 relief to create a trust fund to support State and Tribal-based mental and behavioral health. Essentially, this bill expands the flexibility of already-appropriated COVID relief funds to address the mental health needs of our nation.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform

H.R. 5218, *Collaborate in an Orderly and Cohesive Manner (COCM) Act*

Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)

Provide grants to primary care providers to invest in the Collaborative Care Model, a specific care delivery model that integrates behavioral health care within the primary care setting for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders that require regular follow-up, like depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

Co-Sponsors: 36



Status: Passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 5611, *Behavioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act*

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Establishes standards for behavioral health crisis care, requires all health insurers to cover these services, and expands the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant to assist states and territories with developing the infrastructure to provide crisis response services.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Tony Cárdenas (D-CA), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

Co-Sponsors: 28

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs; Oversight and Reform



H.R. 5932, *Inpatient Opioid Safety Act*

Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

Requires hospitals, as a condition of Medicare and Medicaid participation, to use specified technology to monitor patients for opioid-induced respiratory depression for 12 hours after the administration of an opioid or until the patient is discharged, whichever is earlier, unless a health care practitioner determines before administering an opioid that such monitoring should not be used and records this determination in the patient's record.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R. 5950, *Improving Patient Access to Care and Treatment (IMPACT) Act*

Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA)

Amends the Controlled Substances Act to increase the time limit for health care providers to use long-acting injectable (LAI) buprenorphine, if received through a specialty pharmacy, from 14 to 60 days. This measure will help to ensure continuity of care for patients when providers utilize these treatments. Increasing the timeframe expands treatment options for patients with opioid use disorder (OUD), thus providing them greater access to care and a greater chance at recovery.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Victoria Spartz (R- IN), Mary Gay Scanlon (D- PA), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 6

 **Status: Passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022**

H.R. 6279, *Opioid Treatment Access Act of 2022*

Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ)

Modernizes and improves the process of obtaining methadone to treat opioid use disorder, allowing pharmacies to dispense methadone so that patients can receive methadone at more convenient locations and builds on SAMHSA's COVID-19 exemptions to allow patients to receive larger quantities of methadone at once.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 4



Status: Passed the House partially as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 8391, *CONNECT Act of 2022*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Helps crisis centers connect with people in crisis to provide necessary follow-up services. The bill authorizes \$30 million to create a new grant program through SAMHSA to support these activities.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



To be introduced: *Road to Recovery Act*

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

End Medicaid's Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion for substance use disorder and helps to increase access for inpatient treatment for Medicaid and CHIP enrollees. The IMD exclusion is a long-standing policy that prohibits federal Medicaid matching funds to states for services rendered to Medicaid-eligible individuals who are patients for SUD and mental health treatment. Some states — including Pennsylvania — have used an “in lieu of services” provision allowing for inpatient treatment, but with limitations on patient population, facility size, and length of stay. These limitations disproportionately affect Medicaid beneficiaries.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

To be introduced: *Reducing Barriers to Substance Use Treatment Act*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

It would prohibit state Medicaid programs from using onerous utilization management techniques—including prior authorization requirements—to make it harder for patients to get medication-assisted treatments (MAT) for opioid use disorder. When individuals struggling with addiction have their moment of clarity and begin to seek treatment, we need to make sure their path to recovery is not blocked by red tape.

H.R. 1364, *Parity Enforcement Act of 2021*

Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ)

Provides authority for the Department of Labor to enforce the parity requirements for group health plans with respect to the coverage of mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), and Joe Courtney (D-CT)

Co-Sponsors: 14

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

H.R. 2264, *Tele-Mental Health Improvement Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Requires private health insurance plans that cover in-person mental health or substance use disorder services to cover such services on equal terms via telehealth during and shortly after the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 6

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor

H.R. 3753, *Parity Implementation Assistance Act*

Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA)

Authorize \$25 million in grants to states to support their oversight of health insurance plans' compliance with mental health parity requirements, as long as states collect and review comparative analyses from insurers.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 24



Status: Passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 5674, *Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Expands mental healthcare for seniors by removing the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under Medicare.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means



H.Res. 617, Supporting the designation of September 2021 as “National Recovery Month”

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Celebrates the more than 21 million individuals in recovery in the United States, the many health care professionals and peers who help others engage in their own journey into recovery, and the millions of recovery allies who support the individuals in recovery.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

Co-Sponsors: 21

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 2352, Honoring National Recovery Month Act

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Provide \$1 million annually for SAMHSA to develop materials, distribute best practices, and lead activities related to Recovery Month. The legislation provides SAMHSA with the flexibility for funds to be used by a national organization for Recovery Month activities.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

Co-Sponsors: 9

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 2376, *Excellence in Recovery Housing Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Require the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), along with national accrediting entities and reputable providers of recovery housing services, to develop guidelines for states to promote the availability of high-quality recovery housing.



Co-Lead(s): Reps. Judy Chu (D-CA), Mike Levin (D-CA), and David McKinley (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 15

Status: Passed in the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 4897, *Support Recovery from Addiction Act*

Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA)

Authorize a ten percent set aside for recovery support services within the Substance Abuse Block Grant program. This set-aside is consistent with the provisions in the President's FY22 budget and the FY22 Labor bill.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 6

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



EDUCATION & STIGMA REDUCTION

2021
2022

H.Res. 684, *Recognizing the importance of ending the stigmatization of substance use disorder.*

Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH)

Recognize the importance of ending the stigma of substance use disorders.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-sponsors: 19

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.Res. 1102, *Supporting the Mission and Goals of Fentanyl Awareness Day 2022*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Supports the designation of National Fentanyl Awareness Day, including to bring attention to the presence of fentanyl in fake or counterfeit pills.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)

Co-sponsors: 6

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 2448, *Opioid Settlement Accountability Act*

Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Ensures the funds that states receive from opioid settlements are used for opioid treatment, prevention, education, and enforcement.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



EDUCATION & STIGMA REDUCTION

2021
2022

H.R. 4244, *Stopping Titles that Overtly Perpetuate (STOP) Stigma Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Direct the Secretary of HHS to provide recommendations for name changes for eight agencies and one grant whose names contain stigmatizing language, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI)

Co-Sponsors: 1



Status: Portions passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 7483, *Cost of Mental Illness Act of 2022*

Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)

Requires a study on the direct and indirect costs associated with serious mental illness. It also requires periodic surveillance surveys of individuals with schizophrenia.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 4



Status: Passed in the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health

H.R. 8657, *ATTAIN Mental Health Act*

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Directs HHS to create and update a publicly accessible online dashboard for organizations to easily search for existing federal funding opportunities for mental health purposes.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Tony Gonzalez (R-TX)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



WORKFORCE & WORK- FORCE DEVELOPMENT

2021
2022

H.Res. 1141 *Expressing Support for Educator Mental Health Awareness Week*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Supports the designation of Educator Mental Health Awareness Week.

Co-Lead(s): Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 35

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

H.R. 1475, *Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act*

Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)

Establish and expand programs to address racial and ethnic disparities in mental health—require Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to establish interprofessional behavioral health care teams in areas with a high proportion of racial and ethnic minority groups.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 62



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



WORKFORCE & WORK- FORCE DEVELOPMENT

2021
2022

H.R. 1667, *The Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act*

Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)

Comprehensive, bipartisan, and bicameral legislation to reduce and prevent suicide, burnout, and mental and behavioral health conditions among health care professionals. Additionally, it supports training for health professionals to prevent suicide and burnout, as well as increase awareness about suicide and mental health concerns among health care professionals.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Judy Chu (D-CA), David McKinley (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 166



Status: Became law

H.R. 2035, *Improving Access to Mental Health Act*

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)

Increases the Medicare reimbursement rate for clinical social worker services and alters the definition of clinical social worker services as it relates to Medicare. Additionally, the bill alters the definition of clinical social worker services as it relates to Medicare. Under current law, such services (1) include services performed for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses, and (2) exclude services furnished to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility as a condition of the facility's participation in the Medicare program. The bill repeals these provisions and instead specifies that such services include certain types of health behavior assessment and intervention.

Co-Sponsors: 54

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means



WORKFORCE & WORK- FORCE DEVELOPMENT

2021
2022

H.R. 2067, *Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act*

Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA)

Implement a one-time, 8-hour training on identifying, treating, and managing patients with substance use disorders for all controlled medication prescribers.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Jack Bergman (R-MI), Buddy Carter (R-GA), David Trone (D-MD), Hal Rogers (R-KY), and Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

Co-Sponsors: 27



Status: Passed the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022

H.R. 3150, *Mental Health Professionals Workforce Shortage Loan Repayment Act of 2021*

Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Repays up to \$250,000 in eligible student loan repayment for mental health professionals who work in mental health professional shortage areas. Repays one-sixth of the individual's eligible loans for each year of service.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 23

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



WORKFORCE & WORK- FORCE DEVELOPMENT

2021
2022

H.R. 3441, *Substance Use Disorder Workforce Act*

Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL)

Make available 1,000 new Medicare-supported residency positions to hospitals that have, or are in the process of establishing, approved residency programs in addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry, or pain medicine.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), David McKinley (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 30

Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3450, *Medicaid Bump Act*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Increase the federal reimbursement rate for mental and behavioral health care services under Medicaid.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 6076, *Compacts, Access, and Responsible Expansion for Mental Health Professionals Act*

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)

Expands interstate access to mental health resources and establishes a grant program to incentivize interstate mental health provider networks, thereby expanding both the network of mental health professionals nationwide and the availability of caregivers to rural communities.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce



FIRST RESPONDERS & PUBLIC SAFETY

2021
2022

H.R. 3070, *Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support Counseling (COPS) Act* **Rep. David Trone (D-MD)**

Provide confidentiality to federal law enforcement officers by prohibiting persons who participate in peer support sessions from disclosing any communication that occurred during a session, with clear exceptions to confidentiality in necessary circumstances.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 20



Status: Became law

H.R. 3071, *Public Safety Officer Support Act* **Rep. David Trone (D-MD)**

Recognize PTSD as a condition that can be as debilitating as physical injuries that prevent officers from performing their job, and create an avenue for officers to seek disability benefits for PTSD linked to severe trauma. It would also expand the Public Safety Officer Benefit program by allowing for officers lost as a result of suicide or disabled by PTSD or attempted suicide to apply for benefits.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 1



Status: Became law



FIRST RESPONDERS & PUBLIC SAFETY

2021
2022

H.R. 3595, *Law Enforcement Training for Mental Health Crisis Response Act of 2021*

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)

Authorize a grant program for law enforcement agencies and corrections agencies to obtain behavioral health crisis response training for law enforcement officers and corrections officers, and for other purposes.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Tim Ryan (D-OH), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Stephanie Bice (R-OK), Elaine Luria (D-VA), Dave Joyce (R-OH), Val Demings (D-FL), Van Taylor (R-TX), and Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

Co-Sponsors: 10

Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 4319, *PROTECT 911 Act*

Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL)

Establishes a system for tracking public safety telecommunicator suicides and integrate it into the National Violent Death Reporting System; develops best practices to identify, prevent, and treat mental health issues in public safety telecommunicators; develops resources to help mental health professionals better treat personnel; and establishes grants for health and wellness programs in emergency communications centers.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Norma Torres (D-CA), and Peter Meijer (R-MI)

Co-Sponsors: 15

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



FIRST RESPONDERS & PUBLIC SAFETY

2021
2022

H.R. 4565, *Protecting First Responders from Secondary Exposure Act*

Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH)

Make the training and use of containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances an eligible purchase under the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP).

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 23

Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 7116, *9-8-8 Implementation Act of 2022*

Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)

Modifies provisions to increase access to behavioral health services, with a focus on crisis services and the 9-8-8 telecommunication system. The 9-8-8 system provides callers with mental health or suicide crisis support and resources through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and took effect July 16, 2022.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Doris Matsui (D-CA), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Seth Moulton (D-MA), Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Don Beyer (D-VA) and Jamie Raskin (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 53

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Judiciary



FIRST RESPONDERS & PUBLIC SAFETY

2021
2022

H.R. 8058, *Fighting Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2022*

Rep. David Joyce (R-OH)

Directs the Attorney General to report to Congress with proposed programs aimed at increasing the availability of treatment for PTSD amongst public safety officers.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Mike Turner (R-OH), Shontel Brown (D-OH), and Deborah Ross (D-NC)

Co-Sponsors: 6

Status: Passed in the Senate as part of the Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2022



H.R. 768, *Block, Report, And Suspend Suspicious Shipments Act of 2021*

Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Creates additional requirements for drug manufacturers and distributors who discover a suspicious order for controlled substances. In addition to reporting the suspicious order to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), a manufacturer or distributor must also exercise due diligence and decline to fill the order. The DEA must issue regulations specifying the indicators that give rise to a suspicious order.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

Co-Sponsors: 1



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 2051, *Methamphetamine Response Act*

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)

Designates methamphetamine as an emerging drug threat (a new and growing trend in the use of an illicit drug or class of drug). It also directs the Office of National Drug Control Policy to implement a methamphetamine response plan.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. John Curtis (R-UT)

Co-Sponsors: 4



Status: Became law



H.R. 2538, *Fighting Emerging Narcotics Through Additional Nations to Yield Lasting (FENTANYL) Results Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Creates program to help countries improve forensic detection capabilities for fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, establishes international exchange program for drug demand reduction experts and additional reporting requirements in International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, and modifies provisions to facilitate global cooperation against synthetic drug trafficking.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)

Co-Sponsors: 16



Status: Passed in the House as part of the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act

H.R. 4459, *Stop the Importation and Manufacturing of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2021 (SIMSA)*

Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Establishes a new schedule under the Controlled Substances Act, Schedule A. The new schedule provides an expedited pathway for law enforcement to regulate the import and export of dangerous synthetic drugs. This legislation provides pathways to maintain legitimate research with covered substances.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary



H.R. 6352, *Domain Reform for Unlawful Drug Sellers (DRUGS) Act*
Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide a process to lock and suspend domain names used to facilitate the online sale of drugs illegally.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



RURAL & UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

2021
2022

H.R. 2228, *Rural Behavioral Health Access Act*

Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI)

Allow Medicare to continue to provide payment for tele-behavioral health services at rural Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) when the patient is not located in the hospital.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 9

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R. 2985, *Rural Area Opioid Prevention Pilot Program Act*

Rep. Conor Lamb (D-PA)

Authorizes a pilot program at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for rural areas to implement community response programs that focus on both reducing opioid overdose deaths and providing alternatives to incarceration. The grants would be issued jointly to public safety and public health agencies or to public safety, public health, and behavioral health collaborations.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA)

Co-Sponsors: 12

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary



RURAL & UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

2021
2022

H.R. 5141, *Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act*

Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV)

Expand allowable use criteria of the New Access Point grant program for Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to include mobile clinics and building renovation, acquisition, or construction costs to increase access to affordable, quality care in rural, underserved, and hard-to-reach communities.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Raul Ruiz (D-CA), and Richard Hudson (R-NC)

Co-Sponsors: 189

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



H.R. 433, *Family Support Services for Addiction Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Create a grant program to assist non-profit organizations that provide family support services for addiction treatment, ensuring that families can access the treatment option that is right for their loved one.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 25



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R. 721, *Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2021*

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)

Provides specific statutory authority for the Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) State Educational Agency Grant Program that is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The program supports school-based mental health services, including screening, treatment, and outreach programs.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. John Katko (R-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 86



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



H.R. 909, *Moms Matter Act*

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Establishes two grant programs to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders, with a focus on racial and ethnic minority groups.

Co-Sponsors: 64

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 1803, *Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Act of 2021*

Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)

This bill authorizes the award of matching grants to enhance services in secondary schools for students with mental and behavioral health issues that can lead to failure in school, such as depression and substance abuse. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration may award these grants on a competitive basis to state or local educational agencies that serve at least one secondary school.

Co-Sponsors: 39

Status: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Armed Services



H.R. 2747, *Help Grandfamilies Prevent Child Abuse Act*

Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA)

A growing consequence of the substance use disorder crisis is an increasing number of grandparents raising their grandchildren because the children's parents passed away or are absent due to substance use disorders. This bipartisan legislation would help address the unique challenges that face grandfamilies and all kinship families, including ensuring that these families are eligible for services under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and providing support to meet the unique needs of children who have experienced trauma, including exposure to substance misuse.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

H.R. 3549, *Comprehensive Mental Health in Schools Pilot Program Act of 2021*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Requires the Department of Education to establish a pilot program to award grants to local educational agencies for establishing comprehensive mental and behavioral health services programs in elementary and secondary schools.

Co-Sponsors: 15

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor



H.R. 3572, *Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act*

Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)

Establishes a grant program to increase the number of mental health professionals at low-income schools by supporting partnerships between institutions of higher education and local education agencies to support teaching, training, and employment of school counselors, social workers, and psychologists.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 38

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

H.R. 3673, *National ACERT Grant Program Authorization Act*

Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH)

Requires the Department of Justice, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, to award grants for states, tribal nations, localities, and community-based organizations to establish response teams to address adverse childhood experiences associated with exposure to trauma

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary



H.R. 3988, *Mental Health in International Development and Humanitarian Settings (MINDS) Act*

Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL)

Directs USAID and the Department of State to integrate mental health and psychosocial support activities across all U.S. foreign assistance programs, with a particular focus on children and other vulnerable populations. It establishes a USAID coordinator to manage mental health activities and a working group to facilitate interagency coordination across USAID and DOS.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)

Co-Sponsors: 48

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs

H.R. 4943, *Children's Mental Health Infrastructure Act*

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Provide funding to children's hospitals for additional pediatric care capacity for behavioral and mental health services; Support costs associated with reallocating existing resources, including converting general beds to accommodate behavioral health patients, creating new capacity for "day hospital" care, and supporting the associated costs of meeting safety standards to protect children and adolescents.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 62

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



H.R. 4944, *Helping Kids Cope Act*

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Provides funding to support pediatric behavioral health care integration and coordination, and to support training and other workforce innovations at children's hospitals, pediatric delivery settings, and other settings.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 65

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 5407, *Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act*

Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)

Amends the Higher Education Act to promote positive mental health among college students, and encourage more comprehensive planning on college campuses to prevent suicide and other mental health crises. The bill would require the Department of Education to work with the Department of Health and Human Services to encourage colleges and universities to address the mental health crisis among students by creating proactive plans for preventing suicide and promoting positive mental health.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fred Keller (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 23



Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



H.R. 5530, *Preventing Youth Substance Abuse Act of 2021*

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)

Provides funding to support the substance abuse youth initiative at the Department of Justice.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), Don Bacon (R-NE) and Bill Foster (D-IL)

Co-Sponsors: 19

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

H.R. 5654, *Higher Education Mental Health Act of 2021*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Requires the Department of Education to establish an Advisory Commission and provide a report to Congress regarding the quality and access of mental health resources at colleges/universities.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. John Joyce (R-PA), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Susan Wild (D-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 17

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor



H.R. 7076, *Supporting Children's Mental Health Care Access Act of 2022*

Rep. Kim Schrier, M.D. (D-WA)

Reauthorizes funding for children's mental and behavioral health programs. This bill would help address the children's mental health care crisis exacerbated by the pandemic.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)

Co-Sponsors: 29



Status: One provision (Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program) became law through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

H.R. 7236, *Strengthen Kids' Mental Health Act Now Act*

Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA)

Requires payment for pediatric mental, emotional, and behavioral health services under Medicaid to align with Medicare payments to providers, provides for a 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) for any associated additional expenditures, requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to issue guidance on how state Medicaid programs may expand the availability of telehealth services and mental, emotional, and behavioral health services.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Lisa Blunt-Rochester (D-DE)

Co-Sponsors: 56

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



H.R. 8680, *Greater Mental Health Access Act*

Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)

Establishes a special enrollment period for family members of an individual who died by suicide by making the death a “qualifying life event.” Creates a competitive grant program within the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act to be made available to non-profits, religious organizations, clinics, medical providers, and hospitals to arrange and/or provide outpatient mental health services for families and friends impacted by suicide or attempted suicide of a loved one. The bill is endorsed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Reform

H.R. 8722, *Expanding Access to Mental Health Training Act*

Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV)

Provides funding to support improved training and coordination for teachers, first responders, and others to recognize and respond to youth behavioral health disorders. Reauthorizes and improves the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) Grants program, which will expire this year without congressional action.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



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H.R. 1309, *Supporting Eating Disorders Recovery Through Vital Expansion (SERVE) Act* **Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)**

Ensure TRICARE, the military's health insurance program, provides members of the military and their families with comprehensive treatment for eating disorders.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)

Co-Sponsors: 49

Status: Referred to House Committee on Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 2591, *Dispose Unused Medications and Prescription (DUMP) Opioids Act* **Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)**

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that each VA medical facility with an on-site pharmacy or a physical location dedicated for law enforcement purposes has a physical location where any individual may dispose of controlled substances medications.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 5



Status: Became law

H.R. 3942, *Brandon Act* **Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)**

Allow service members to anonymously report and seek mental health treatment by using a safe word like "Brandon Act."

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)

Co-Sponsors: 17

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services



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H.R. 4575, *Veteran Peer Specialist Act of 2021*

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)

Expand peer specialist program to all VA medical centers over five years by initiating the program at 25 medical centers per year, at each facility hiring two peer specialists, and ensuring diversity in the hiring of peer specialists.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Colin Allred (D-TX) and Tracey Mann (R-KS)

Co-Sponsors: 15

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 4824, *Stop Copay Overpay Act*

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA)

Limit copayments for outpatient visits for mental health or behavioral health under the TRICARE program.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 24

Status: Referred to Committee on Armed Services

H.R. 5352, *Military Suicide Prevention in the 21st Century Act*

Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH)

Requires the Department of Defense to carry out a two-year pilot program to program suicide prevention resources onto smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces and to provide training on these resources.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA)

Co-Sponsors: 39

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor



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H.R. 6273, VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021

Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV)

Establishes the Zero Suicide Initiative pilot program to implement the Zero Suicide Institute curriculum to improve veteran safety and suicide care. In consultation with experts and veteran service organization, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs would select five medical centers to receive training and support under the pilot program, in order to reduce the rate of veteran suicide.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Tony Gonzales (R-TX), Colin Allred (D-TX), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 17

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs



H.R. 955, *Medicaid Reentry Act*

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Empower states to restore Medicaid eligibility for incarcerated individuals up to 30 days before their release to ensure those transitioning will have immediate access to critical services including mental health support, addiction treatment and COVID testing.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Mike Turner (R-OH), David Trone (D-MD), and David McKinley (R-WV)

Co-Sponsors: 55

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3514, *Humane Correctional Health Care Act*

Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

Repeals Medicaid Inmate Exclusion which bans states from using federal Medicaid funds for health services to incarcerated individuals. Providing Medicaid and its standard of care can improve prison and jail health systems by ensuring treatment for SUD and mental illness, protecting public health through treatment of infectious diseases, and reducing recidivism.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), David McKinley (R-WV), Lisa Blunt-Rochester (D-DE), and David Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 15

Status: Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary



H.R. 5697, *The Community Re-Entry through Addiction Treatment to Enhance (CREATE) Opportunities Act*

Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)

Establishes Medication-Assisted Treatment Corrections and Community Reentry Program in the Department of Justice. Under the program, the National Institute of Corrections may award grants to support local programs that provide medication-assisted treatment for incarcerated individuals who have an opioid-use disorder.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Mike Turner (R-OH), and Jackie Walorski (R-IN)

Co-sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 6636, *Due Process Continuity of Care Act*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Amends the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy to ensure that states have the option to provide Medicaid coverage for pre-trial detainees and provides planning grants to help implement this policy.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Tom Emmer (R-MN), Michael Turner (R-OH), and Paul Tonko (D-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 27



Status: Passed in the House as part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022



H.R. 8048, *Solitary Confinement Study and Reform Act of 2022*

Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

Creates a bipartisan commission focused on studying the effects of solitary confinement in America's prison system and provides the U.S. Attorney General with research and recommendations for new national standards on solitary confinement. States that comply with the standards would be eligible to receive federal mental health and drug treatment grant funding.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; Financial Services



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